

Please amend the Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 25 without prejudice.

Please replace Claim 1 with the following.

d 1. (Twice Amended, Clean) A polymer prepared from at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer selected from the group consisting of ethylene, propylene, 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, vinyl acetate, styrene, α -methylstyrene, styrenes substituted at the nucleus, vinyl cyanides, maleic anhydride, N-substituted maleimides, C₁-C₈-alkyl acrylates and C₁-C₈-methacrylates,

wherein said polymer is selected from at least one of homopolymers and copolymers, has a mean particle diameter of 0.04 μ m to 1 μ m, and contains \leq 100 ppm of coarse portions having a mean particle diameter of from 200 to 500 μ m.